

Combustion Integrated Rack (CIR)



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Objective:

 The Combustion Integrated Rack is a facility designed to support sustained systematic combustion research and technology experiments on the International Space Station.

Relevance/Impact:

• The CIR will accommodate experiments that address critical needs in the areas of spacecraft fire safety (i.e., fire prevention, detection and suppression), incineration of solid wastes, power generation, flame spread, soot and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, in-situ resource utilization, environmental monitoring and materials synthesis.

Development Approach:

- The CIR is being developed as part of the Fluids & Combustion Facility (FCF).
- The FCF system consists of a Flight Segment and a Ground Segment.
- All avionics and diagnostics are contained in orbital replacement units with simple interfaces that allow for easy changeout/reconfiguration.
- Protoflight approach was taken for most of the hardware.
- FCF operates together with payload experiment equipment, ground-based operations facilities and the FCF ground segment.
- The CIR is designed for remote/autonomous operations.

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ISS Resource Requirements

100 Resource Requirements									
Accommodation (carrier)	ISS US Laboratory								
Upmass (kg) (w/o packing factor)	881								
Volume (m³) (w/o packing factor)	0.4 (stowed hardware)								
Power (kw) (peak)	1.9 Kw								
Crew Time (hrs) (initial installation & setup)	25								
Launch/Increment	ULF-2/Increment 17 ->								

Project Life Cycle Schedule

Milestones		SCR	HCR	PDR	CDR	VRR	Safety	FHA	Launch	Ops	Return	Final Report
Actual/ Baseli	ne	N/A	6/1998	2/2001	5/2002	2/2003	7/2005	6/2007	10/2008	Inc. 18 ->	TBD	TBD

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